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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OKAMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

T. M. Argenbright

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4/3,5/3,6/3,7/3,8/3,9/3,10/3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4/1,4/2,5/1,5/2,11-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6/1,6/2,7/1,7/2,8/1,8/2,9/1,9/2,10/1,10/2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of claims 1-13 is withdrawn in view of reconsideration of the reference to Iwata et al. Rejections based on Iwata et al follow.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 24, line 14, "body" should be inserted after "rotary" (second occurrence).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 4/1, 4/2, 5/1, 5/2 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Iwata et al. Iwata et al discloses an intake device having a first low load/speed section 21, 26, 28 and a second high load/speed section 22, 27, 29. A rotary valve body 7 is located within the block sections and has a convex flow passage in the low load/speed section, as shown in Figures 2 and 6. As shown in Figure 7, fuel injector 31 is downstream of the restriction and resulting high speed airflow provided by the valve 7 and the outlet of the low load/speed section.

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Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6/1, 6/2, 7/1, 7/2, 8/1, 8/2, 9/1, 9/2, 10/1 and 10/2 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

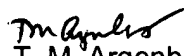
Claims 3, 4/3, 5/3, 6/3, 7/3, 8/3, 9/3 and 10/3 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to T. M. Argenbright whose telephone number is 571-272-4837. The examiner can normally be reached M-Th 6:30am-3:00pm and alt. Fridays 6:30am-2:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on 571-272-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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